UC Berkeley Round Robin
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1. <u>Backlogs</u>. Technical Services has received one-time funding from the collections budget to catalog the current backlog of Western European materials as well as approximately 30,000 titles in Slavic, Arabic, Persian and the South Asian languages. The Western European materials will be processed with extra student employees doing the initial searching and regular staff upgrading low level records and providing original cataloging. We have begun with our Spanish backlog as part of the cooperative cataloging project with Harvard, Yale and Stanford. The Slavic, Arabic, Persian and South Asian materials are being scanned (titlepage, verso of the titlepage, colophon, etc.) and sent to Arlynk, a cataloging vendor. Arlynk will be cataloging the materials in OCLC through a third party contract. These materials were chosen for vendor processing because we have vacant cataloging positions in those areas.

2. <u>Technical Services review</u>. Technical Services is reviewing its functions and priorities with the help of our customers, the collection development and public services staff of the library. We are currently operating with only general guidelines, which were developed three years ago through a librarywide process, as are the other library units. We hope to develop more specific priorities for the smaller central Technical Services staff. We also hope the process will help Technical Services to better prepare for the search for a new ILS.